

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-22, and 24-27 are presently pending and stand rejected.

Examiner has objected to the specification. Assignee has amended the specification, and it is respectfully submitted that the objection is now overcome.

Claims 1, 10, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from the combination of Malladi in view of Hoogenboom. Claims 1, 10, and 19 recite, among other limitations, "writing a plurality of start codes to a particular one of the plurality of data words".

Examiner has indicated that Malladi and Hoogenboom teach, "writing a plurality of start codes [Malladi - Col. 15, Lines 34-39, 45-46, 54-56] to a particular data word in the start code table [Hoogenboom - Col. 2 Line 13; Fig. 4; Col. 15 Lines 34-39, 54-56]". Office Action at 4-5.

Assignee respectfully traverses. Malladi, describes "an incoming video bitstream" and "an incoming audio bit stream" Col. 15, Lines 14-15. Assignee respectfully submits that "data word in the start code table" does not read on the "bitstream". Although Malladi teaches that "The PES header is then stored in a start code table 408", there is no teaching of "writing a plurality of start codes to a particular data word in the start code table". Hoogenboom, Col. 2, Line 13 merely recites, "At the receiver, the variable length codes words are decoded by, e.g., a Huffman decoder", while Fig. 4 is merely "a timing diagram for the video syntax parser". The Hoogenboom references does not have a citation to column 15.

Accordingly, Assignee respectfully traverses and requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1

10, and 19, as well as to dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-18, 20-22, and 24-27.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are allowable and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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